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HOUSE RESOLUTION 282
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Mr. William D. "Sonny" Hicks.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those persons who, through their personal and professional efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, these esteemed individuals have made praiseworthy accomplishments and are a credit to their respective families and communities, and to this state; and

WHEREAS, Mr. William "Sonny" Hicks is one such remarkable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all of his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Sonny Hicks has been a pillar of the Cleveland community and a prominent figure in local and amateur athletics; and

WHEREAS, an avid sports fan, Mr. Hicks has kept Cleveland High School Blue Raiders fans abreast of the moment-to-moment happenings of the high school's sporting events for the past 20 years as the "Voice of the Cleveland High Blue Raiders"; and

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WHEREAS, a Tennessee Secondary School Official since 1962, Sonny Hicks has officiated football and basketball games with peerless objectivity and fairness; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hicks has shared his enthusiasm and expertise of sports with local athletes as a coach for Little League basketball, football, and baseball; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his countless contributions to various community athletic programs, Sonny Hicks has received a number of awards and accolades, including a lifetime membership to the Cleveland High School Century by the Cleveland High Booster Club, the Distinguished Service Award for contributions to community amateur athletics, and the Cleveland City Schools Board of Education Service to Students Award; and

WHEREAS, he has also been inducted into the Athens/Cleveland Basketball Officials Hall of Fame, as well as the East Tennessee Chapter National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame for his many contributions and stalwart dedication to high school athletics; and

WHEREAS, Sonny Hicks epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is true of all Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded individual, Mr. Hicks has rendered astute service as a former Fire, Parks and Recreation commissioner and city councilman for Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, a concerned person whose willingness to help those in need knows no bounds, Sonny Hicks is highly regarded as a friend of the community; and

WHEREAS, endeavoring to lead an exemplary Christian life, Sonny Hicks faithfully worships the Lord as an active and devout member of the Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, his many awards and accomplishments aside, Mr. Hicks is most appreciative of the love and support he receives from his wife, Patricia Goins Hicks, and their three children, Scott, Kellye, and Wes; and

WHEREAS, Sonny Hicks is also the doting grandfather of four grandchildren, David, Laura, Katy, and Kari; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hicks is the perfect example of a person totally committed to the highest ideals of public service and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and commend Mr. William D. "Sonny" Hicks for his meritorious service and contributions to local athletics, salute his stalwart commitment to public service, and wish him every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.